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Arizona Planting Intentions Survey Results

Upland cotton acreage in Arizona is expected to total 130,000 acres, a decrease of 5,000 acres from a year ago, according to a planting intentions survey conducted by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Arizona Field Office. Arizona's American-Pima cotton producers intended to plant 1,000 acres, an increase of 200 acres. Nationally, upland cotton acres are expected to total 8.67 million, down 7 percent from 2008 and American-Pima acreage is expected to decrease 18 percent, to 143,500 acres. California producers expect to plant 120,000 acres, down 23 percent from last year.

Field corn acreage for all purposes is expected to total 55,000 acres in Arizona, 10 percent more than a year ago. For the United States, corn growers intend to plant 85.0 million acres, down slightly from 2008.

Arizona sorghum growers are expected to plant 50,000 acres, 7,000 acres less than last year. Nationally, sorghum acreage is expected to decrease 16 percent to 6.96 million acres.

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Arizona hay growers are expected to harvest 300,000 acres, 5,000 acres more than last year. This acreage includes both alfalfa and other types of hay. Total U.S. hay acreage intended to be harvested is estimated at 60.3 million acres, virtually unchanged from a year ago.

Arizona's Durum wheat seedings are estimated at 125,000 acres, down 25,000 acres from 2008. For the United States, area seeded to Durum wheat is expected to total 2.45 million acres, down 10 percent from a year ago. Arizona's seedings of wheat other than Durum are set at 10,000 acres, a 3,000 acre decrease from last year. Arizona's barley acreage is estimated at 42,000 acres, unchanged from 2008. Nationally, barley growers intend to plant 3.95 million acres for 2009, down 7 percent from last year.

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